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REPRESENTATIVE WEATHERFORD LAUDS FLORIDA SENATE ON PASSAGE OF CLASS-SIZE REVISION

TALLAHASSEE – State Representative Will Weatherford (R-Wesley Chapel) released the following statement congratulating the Florida Senate on the Passage of SB 2 regarding the Right Size Class Size Amendment proposal:

“Since the 2002 amendment passed, Florida has diligently worked to meet the spirit and intent of the law. The days when teachers had to practice crowd control are a thing of the past in schools across Florida. This class size referendum allows the voters to review progress that has been made and weigh the challenges we face with the flawed approach of hard caps, inflexible rules and top-down micromanagement of local schools.

“The ‘right size the class size’ referendum is a common-sense solution that addresses the unintended consequences of the Class Size Amendment, while preserving the constitutional integrity of the voters’ wishes. We have spent \$16 billion implementing the amendment and we have made great strides.

“Having small classes is important, and this practical approach maintains this philosophy and preserves the success we have realized in providing smaller class sizes thus far. This referendum provides the flexibility principals and teachers need to maximize student learning in their schools and classrooms.”

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